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SECURITY INFORMATION

Chief, BOB

27 November 1951

Chief of Station, Karlsruhe

Operational

Operation PASTIME

Reference - MORA-10595

1. Copy of reference has been transmitted to FIM - this being SOP for all PASTIME traffic, especially traffic containing so much name information.

2. Reference no doubt crossed with MUSA-6084 which advises that CIC has directed Region V to inform BOMBLIES that CARYATID's approach to her was legitimate. Consequently, the action requested in paragraph 8 of reference can be regarded as taken.

3. You have no doubt noted the contradiction between CARYATID's statement that BOMBLIES gave him the list of 30 "radio girls" on 28 June 1951 and her claim to "Agent A" that she had told him that she had no such list and that he subsequently produced it from his wallet. We are inclined to take the agent's word as against this unknown individual's, but you may want to include this point for Carriage, if and when we should decide to administer it to CARYATID. (Seen from here, CARYATID should take a Carriage test, if only because of the high sensitivity of the PASTIME work he is engaged in and because you are considering using him also as a PASTIME agent himself.) BOMBLIES' claim that she "memorized" 9 or 10 names from a list shown her by CARYATID would have put him in a sorry light but for the fact that most of these names are not on the list which CARYATID claims to have got from her. A most distressing mix-up which proves that at least one of them is lying.

4. We are quite surprised that CARYATID gave his true name to BOMBLIES as well as his true naval background and interests. Possibly, this alone suffices to disqualify him from consideration as a PASTIME agent or even as a PASTIME recruiter. We do not have enough facts to judge on.

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5. On the basis of the information at hand, we feel that CARYATID has been rather easy-going with the security and professionalism of the PASTIME assignment. We know that he has talked to the matron of the "radio girls", to BOMBLIES, and to Ella FISCHER; and we suspect that he may have talked equally freely with and given his true name to some others.

6. In view of CARYATID's indiscretion and since at least two of them have spoken equally freely to each other, to say nothing of the fact that BOMBLIES has blown the entire affair at least to the Straubing police and to a Berlin cousin, the entire lot of "radio girls" may perhaps be regarded as contaminated for PASTIME work. Individual cases may still be proven viable, but even then only if handled through someone other than CARYATID.

7. Actually, we need not feel badly about this, since these "radio amazons" are in the first place too easily "spotable" and no doubt known as such to the other side. Commonsense (and such specific statements as those in Field Notice 7-51 of 4 February 1951 and in the bulletin "Suggestions for the Organization and Management of PASTIME" of February 1951) dictates that known "hams" and other radio-trained individuals must be regarded as unfit for any but the expendable aspect of PASTIME. While we assume that it is just for such an aspect that you have allowed CARYATID to contact these girls in the first place, this has not been spelled out.

8. It is therefore suggested that you submit an overall statement on your PASTIME planning in its various aspects and the type of personnel you want to recruit for each of these aspects and phases. More specifically, please outline the type of PASTIME assignment you have in mind for the "radio girls" - Berlin, DDR and western Germany - and for CARYATID himself.

9. Returning to paragraph 3 above, CARYATID does not come off too clean either. If he did not give her the list of 30 but got it from her and she gave her version to CIC mala fide, then, since she originated the list of 30, why could she not have picked eight or nine names for CIC that did appear on the list of 30? As we said, this is an awful mix-up which reflects most likely on each of them in part.

10. If a continued effort with regard to Charlotte BOMBLIES should, despite the above, still appear indicated on the basis of your outline plan, we will be glad to approach her through [redacted] who is about to take up his duties in Straubing and who would of course handle her through a cut-out).

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